TO: Public Service Commission of South Carolina

FROM: Wayne R. Lodge

RE: Docket No. 2009-489-E

DATE: March 11, 2010

I am a retired individual on a fixed income and there was no increase for me this year in my income. What I have read concerning this request is that there have been unexpected costs due to new regulations. These regulations are mainly to protect the citizens of our country from pollutants and other harmful chemicals that the electric plants put in the atmosphere. SCE&G new these changes were coming years ago yet they continued to ignore them. They believe that they can cry to the regulatory agencies about these expenses and then gouge the consumer. It is bad enough that the federal government allows the petroleum companies to get away with this arrogance; however, your agency has the obligation to protect the consumers.

I along with many other retirees hope that you will with due diligence deny this request and make SCE&G act like a corporation and make budget cuts not force us out of our homes.

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